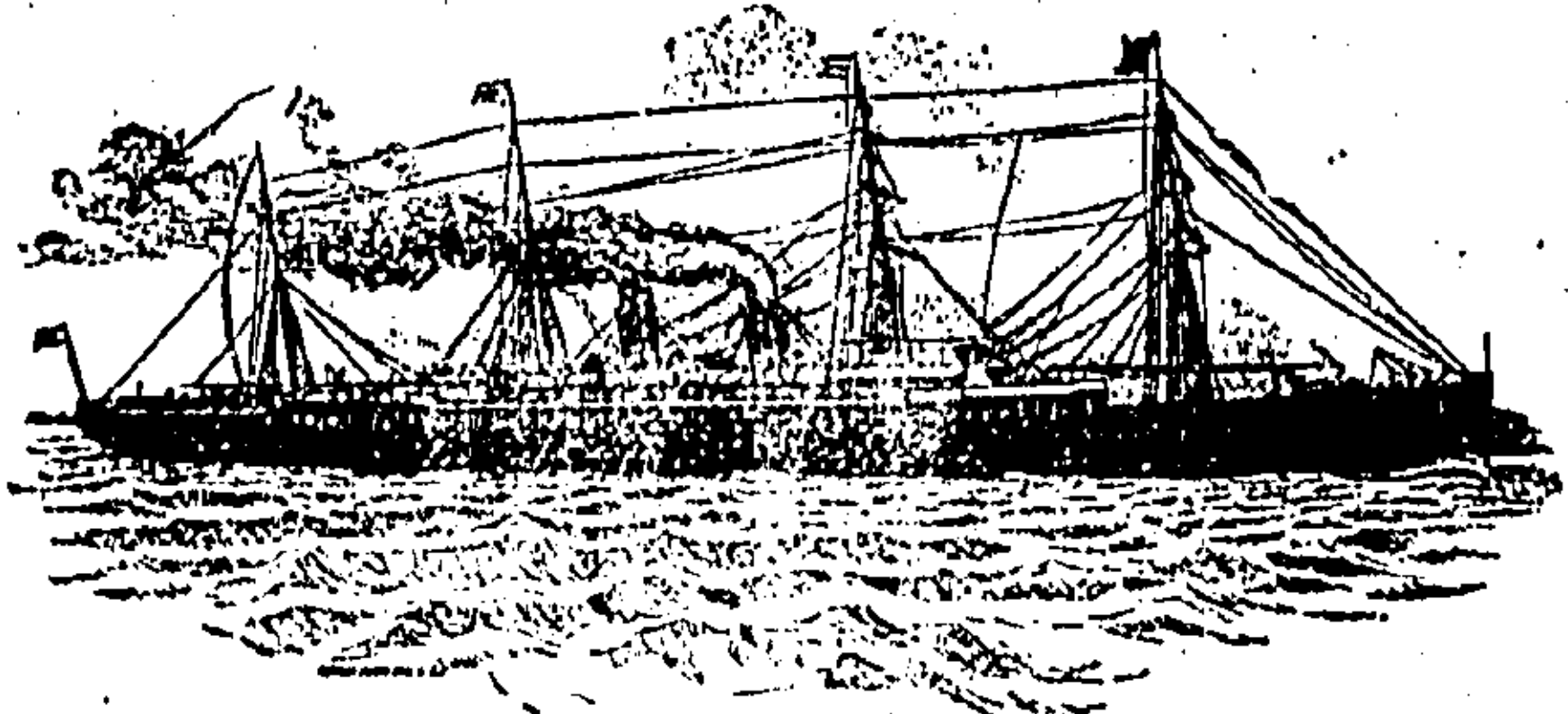


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"GAELIC"	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 19th March, at Noon.
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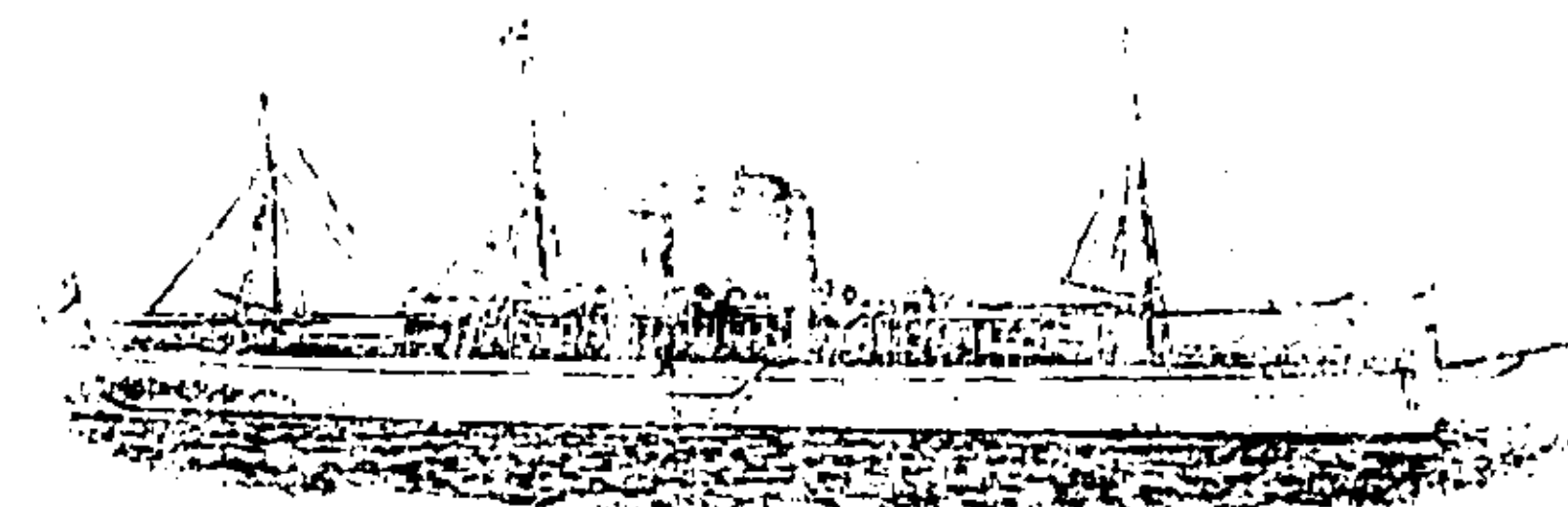
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Hongkong, 27th January, 1904

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SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	22nd March. Freight.
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ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th April. Freight.
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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

THE MANAGER.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on FRIDAY, the 5th February, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 3 P.M., if the range is clear, from the East of Customs Pass (Gun Position by the old Customs Station) in the direction of Razor Hill in an East-North-East direction.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on SATURDAY, the 6th February, commencing at 10 A.M. and finishing at 2 P.M., if the range is clear, from the East of Customs Pass in the direction of Kowloon Peak (Nautau Kok) in a Westerly and North-Westerly direction.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1903.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vœux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 6th February, 1904, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Account and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, to SATURDAY, the 6th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG AND KOWLOON STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICE of Messrs. EWENS and HARTSON, Solicitors, No. 36, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 11th day of February, 1904, at 4 o'clock P.M., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened:—

RESOLUTION.
"That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong and that Mr. TANG KWAI POK of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

Dated the 27th January, 1904.

NG LAU TONG,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS and the Public are informed that the authorised version of the RACE BOOK is the one issued by Messrs. NOKONHA & Co., which is on Sale at their Office and may also be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH and W. BREWER & Co's Establishments.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date and until after the 25th FEBRUARY next, HORSES and/or PONIES not entered for the FORTHCOMING RACES will not be allowed on the RACE or TRAINING COURSE between the Hours of 6 and 8 A.M.

Members may exercise uncensored Horses or Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1904.

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THE TROUBLES IN KWANGSI PROVINCE.

A correspondent residing at Kweilin, the provincial capital of Kwangsi, writing on the present troubles in that province, states that they owe their origin to members of secret societies a few years ago issuing tickets of membership to the common people at so much cash each, which of course guaranteed the holders from harm at the hands of the desperado class. Holders of tickets had however to assemble at their respective centres at certain intervals to pay obedience to their leaders and also to take orders from them, if necessary. Finally as the membership began to swell in numbers and the evil portion among them seemed ripe for mischief, the leaders started about robbing people who did not belong to their societies. Then came reports of outrages by roving gangs of disbanded soldiers in some places, and rebels in others, whereas to speak the truth these plundering bands were no other than members of the secret societies, mainly Triads. These bands having their own centres could easily assemble and as easily scatter to their homes to resume their former rôle of the peaceable rustic. For this reason it is next to impossible distinguish the innocent countryman from the secret society man, and this has led sometimes to indiscriminate slaughter by the troops who often suffer through the treachery of these people.

SECRET SOCIETIES SPIES.

Then again there are what are called "Ya pang," or men who for a certain sum of money guarantee to convey the goods of merchants from one place to another free from harm. These "Ya pang" who are also called "Piao-shou" are armed with magazine rifles of newest patterns and they escort their convey through Customs barriers and places held by the troops unquestioned. But while engaged in this work these men act as spies for the secret societies, for as a matter of fact they are no less than secret society men themselves. Merchants who engage these Ya-pang know perfectly well the nature of the men they employ, but what else can they do? During the past month or so large bands of secret-society-men have appeared in the neighbourhood of Liuchow and Ch'ingyuan-fu, keeping the troops always on the alert, whilst even the provincial capital and Wuchow are not free from these pests. Since his arrival in Kweilin four months ago Governor Ko Feng-shih has been untiring in trying to get at the leaders of these secret societies, and by the help of faithful retainers who bravely walked into the lion's jaws and pretended to join these societies, has at last caught and

BEHEADED THREE LEADING CHIEFS

of the Ya-pang, named Tien Ho-ling, Yao Chen-yih, and Peng Lanchi; two chiefs of the Kweilin Triads, Chen Yung-piao, and Chen Chang-seng, (father and son) and a certain Yang Fung-tung, a well-known rebel chief of Wuchow. The last-named three Triads even went so far as to confess that they had made every preparation to attack and capture the provincial capital last October, when they were prevented by the arrival there of Governor Ko Feng-shih and his army, in the nick of time as it were. At the time they were captured these three men were in the midst of putting into execution a scheme to rob certain banks in Kweilin and to seize the opportunity to capture the city. Chen Yung-piao, father and son, are said to have had over 3,000 well armed men under them and had also two lieutenants, who hearing of the capture of their two chiefs had fled to the vicinity of Hsin-jenhsien when they were also captured through the help of Government spies. Since his arrival in Kwangsi there is no doubt that H.E. Governor Ko Feng-shih's efforts have been instrumental in restoring order in a great measure to the region round about Kweilin, Liuchow and Ch'ingyuan, and we can say that he is in a fair way to pacifying the whole province in due time.—N. C. D. News.

MARSH-DWELLERS.

News from Australia states that all the males, except one, of the newly-discovered marsh-dwellers in British New Guinea had been exterminated by another tribe of Papuan cannibals. Very little is known about these curious people, and apparently any chance of investigating them has now disappeared. The Rev. W. Robert Mounsey, secretary to the Bishop of New Guinea, who has recently come to England from that country, says that one of their missionaries at the Wanigala station in Collingwood Bay had towards the end of last year received intelligence of the deaths from a police expedition which had been visiting a tribe near the Kamusi River in the north-east of the island. In the villages of this tribe great heaps of human bones were found, proving that they practised cannibalism, which is not uncommon among the natives. The interesting point is that this is the tribe which is probably responsible for the extermination of the marsh-dwellers, and if that be so, there is little doubt that they were killed with all the refinements of torture which savagery can suggest and afterwards eaten. This strange tribe were known as the Agumbas, and lived in houses erected on piles in a lake. Small in stature, but broadly built, like most of the Papuans, they were remarkable for the shortness of their legs. From the knee downwards these were less than a foot in length, the rest of the body being in proportion to their height. When they walked at all, which was seldom, they did so on the sides of their stunted feet, producing a waddle like that of a duck. And, according to their discoverers, they were like ducks in the water, and passed an amphibious existence. Their food consisted of sago, the roots of the water-lily, and fish. In Lake Bangweolo (Central Africa) there are swamp dwellers of the same stamp on islands. It is said that they have soft feet and cannot stand the hard roads of the mainland.

FIRE ON THE "TAHUNG MARU."

According to the Mercury of 22nd inst., the O.S.K. steamer *Tahung Maru* which left Shanghai on the previous Tuesday last for river ports was totally destroyed by fire on the Wednesday night a little above Wuhu. The vessel had a large number of Chinese passengers on board at the time and it is suspected that some of them had gunpowder among their luggage which exploded and set the cargo on fire. A panic ensued among the passengers, but they were soon quieted down. When the alarm was given Captain Yebike at once pointed his vessel's head to the shore and beached her, thus enabling everybody to escape to the land.

From information received at the company's offices at Shanghai it would appear that about an hour after leaving Wuhu the fire was discovered amongst her passenger's luggage which was stowed in her main hold. When the vessel left Wuhu, she took on board the cargo and passengers of the steamer *Taiten Maru* which had broken her tail-shaft, and her cargo discharged at Wuhu, the value of which is estimated at Tls. 250,000 to Tls. 300,000. The cargo of the *Tahung* consisted of 2,000 packages of piece goods, 1,000 packages general cargo and some kerosene oil. After information had been wired to this port that the vessel was on fire a later despatch was received to the effect that she would be a total loss, and that there were absolutely no prospects of saving her. From the same source it is given that three persons had lost their lives, but as to whether they were passengers or whether they were members of the crew we have so far not been able to ascertain. The value of the cargo is estimated at about Tls. 350,000 and the steamer herself cost Tls. 300,000. The cargo was insured with the Yangtze, North China, China Traders, World, Marine and other Insurance companies, and was also underwritten at Lloyd's.

The following telegram was received by the Yangtze Insurance Co. from Wuhu on the 21st:—

"Str. *Tahung Maru* fire broke out on board when leaving 9 p.m. last night, attributed gunpowder explosion, property native passengers; vessel beached North Bank River, still burning; will be entirely destroyed; no possibility salvage of any cargo, str. *Tahung Maru* cargo aboard."

The hull was insured with Japanese companies and at Lloyd's for 300,000 taels.

The *Tahung Maru* on her last trip took the following passengers from this port:—Messrs. M. Raffaele, M. Baptista, Murata and Inouye.

The *Tahung Maru* is a steel twin-screw steamer of 2,243 gross and 1,391 net tonnage. She was built for the Yangtze river trade by the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard and Engineering Works and was completed in August, 1900. Her dimensions are: 270 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth, and 11 feet 8 inches in depth. She has a promenade deck 258 feet in length and a shade deck 208 feet long.

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Hongkong, 21st October, 1902. [3]

Intimations.

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,
(Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA),
DENTIST,
No. 26, Connaught Road Central
Hongkong, 9th February, 1904. [57]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK. Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones. Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required. The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1895.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [39]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [E]

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THE leading English Newspaper in China. Also widely circulated in Japan, Cochinchina, Ceylon, India and the Far East generally.

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NOTICE.

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ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "ERNEST SIMONS," Captain Charbonnel, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT. This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian Line S.S. *Dumbia* bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON only on MONDAY, the 8th February, Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on TUESDAY. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required. For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [9]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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<i>Victoria</i>	3,502	J. Truebridge	Mar. 16
<i>Tremont</i>	9,606	T. W. Garlick	Mar. 23
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DODWELL, & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [12]

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Gasoline Lamps of all descriptions from the best makers.
Incandescent Mantles, Chimneys, Globes, Shades, &c., for Gasoline and Gas Lamps at the most moderate prices.
Lamps fixed up for Buyers free of charge.
Naphtha of the best kind kept in stock.

TAI KWONG CO., 50, Lyndhurst Terrace.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1903. [31]

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TO LET.

A HOUSE IN KNOTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [178]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS suitable for OFFICE use, Entrance from Ice House Street.
Apply to—

SECRETARY, MASONIC HALL.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904. [185]

TO LET.

GOOD FOR EUROPEAN OFFICES.
NOS. 38, 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floors, above Maison Levy Hermanos.
Possession at the end of March, 1904.
A Lift is to be constructed there.
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KIN ON, Agent.

No. 30, D'Aguiar Street. Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [193]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1897. [52]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex S.S. *Arctia*.
From Australia, ex S.S. *Victoria*.
From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Sumatra*.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and D. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 9 A.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 6th February, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1904. [4]

S.S. "YARRA."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. *Midor* and *Orlogal*, and from Bordeaux, ex S.S. *Villedo Lorient*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, the 27th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 3rd February, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [9]

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd February, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [4]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"NIPPON MARU" are hereby notified that their Goods having been transferred to the S.S. "SHAWMUT" have reached this Port, and are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godown Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either taken from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 5th February will be subject to rent.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 8th February or they will not be recognised.

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H. E. BURKE, For Agent.

Intimations.

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TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1904.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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BIRTHS.

At Newchwang, on the 31st December, 1903, the wife of ALBERT O. WILSON, of a daughter.
On 2nd January, at Taokou, Honan, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. BOURNE a daughter.
At Tientsin, on January 8th, the wife of F. A. KENNEDY, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE English mail of the 2nd January was delivered in London on the 30th January.

THE *Sin Wan Pao* gathers that the British Minister, Sir E. Satow, the United States Minister, Mr. Conger, and the Japanese Minister, Mr. Uchida, together called on Prince Ching on the 17th ult. with whom they had a lengthy and secret conference.

THE Hongkong Odd Volumes Society, announce that Mr. Ernest D. Haskell has kindly consented to deliver a short address on "Fiscal Policy and Imperial Federation" at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on Monday, the 8th, at 5.15 p.m. The lecture will be followed by a debate on Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy. Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (Hon. Secretary) will take the chair. Ladies are invited.

THE Chinese Department of Finance has decided to establish a Government Bank with five million taels as its capital. According to the present arrangement, two million taels are to be subscribed by the Treasury and one million taels by Mr. Changyuan, while subscriptions for the balance will be invited from amongst rich Chinese merchants in Canton and South China, through the efforts of Mr. Chang.

THE *Tung Wen Hu Pao* hears from its Hupoh correspondent that the Hupoh foreign-drilled troops, having received Imperial instructions, are now quite prepared to go up north in case of emergency. Again, it is heard that Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai and Wei Kung Tao have been instructed to select 10,000 men from their respective armies, who will proceed to Peking, and that the Ning-Kun will go up to Peking by the Lu-Han railway.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Roast Meat Guild...	\$100
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Sandalwood Dealers' Guild...	75
Old Clothes Dealers' Guild...	30
Tin Smelters' Guild...	20
Market Charitable Fund...	50
Commission Agents' Guild...	200
Groceries Dealers' Guild...	50

FROM the Manila *Times* (19th inst.)—Mr. George H. Fuller, accompanied by Mr. George Armitage, left to-day for Hongkong, where Mr. Fuller will assume the duties of superintendent of the plants of the Canton and Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited. The company has erected plants in both cities each of which has a capacity of fifty tons of ice per day, together with a modern distilling adjunct. Besides supplying the local markets the company intends to export frozen meats, game, etc. to the Manila market.

THE following Chinese Imperial decrees have been issued:—1—Decree, in response to the memorial of Tsen Chun-hsuen, Viceroy of Liang Kwang, cashiering for ever and banishing to Chinese Turkistan a Prefect and a Magistrate of Kwangsi and also cashiering for ever another Magistrate of the same Province for avarice. 2—Decree, in response to the memorial of Tsen Chun-hsuen, Viceroy of Liaokwang, cashiering, dismissing, degrading and retiring a large number of civil and military officials in Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces.

COMMANDER Gaunt, of H.M.S. *Mohawk*, who has suddenly sprung into international fame on account of his action in Somaliland, is the son of an Australian Judge, says a Calcutta paper, and has already shown that he is capable of dealing with a crisis. In 1900 he was acting as Commissioner of Wei-hai-wei, and suddenly found the island the centre of refuge for the missionaries of all nationalities, flying before the Boxers in Northern China. The resources of the island were altogether inadequate to cope, either in the matter of food or lodging, with the strain thrown upon it. Captain Gaunt rose equal to the occasion. He immediately took over all the boarding-houses and the only hotel in the place, and despatched ships of war to collect provisions from Chefoo and similar coast towns. He further made each refugee a daily allowance of money. It was stated at the time that he had entirely exceeded his authority, but the missionaries have good cause to bless him. For once the authorities overlooked this assumption of power, and Commander Gaunt was rewarded with the C.M.G.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

There was not a vacant seat in the large hall of Queen's College at noon to-day, when H. E. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., presented the prizes to the successful scholars of this Government institution. The Officer Administering the Government was accompanied on the platform by Mrs. May, Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, Dr. G. H. Bateson Wright (Head Master), Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bunbury, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tung, while among those in the body of the hall were noticed the Revs. T. W. Pearce, C. H. Hickling, J. H. France, T. W. Pearce, Bro. Joshua (Director of St. Joseph's College), Rev. Isidore (Head Master, Anglo-Chinese School), Messrs. B. A. Hale, C. Mooney, W. H. Williams, E. T. H. Bunje, Ng Chit Mi, and the following members of the staff of the College: Messrs. A. W. Grant, B. Tanner, W. R. Seymour, R. E. O. Bird, A. H. Crooke, and R. J. Birbeck.

THE REPORT.

Dr. Bateson Wright opened the proceedings by reading the following report:—

Dr. G. H. Bateson Wright, Headmaster, read the annual report. He said:—I have the honour to present the Annual Report on Queen's College for the year 1903.

1. The total number on the Roll was 1,453 and the Average Daily Attendance 940, figures differing but slightly from those of the previous year. Though the attendance in seven months of the year exceeded that of the corresponding months in 1902, there is a slight diminution (\$200) in Revenue derived from Fees, which item would have shown an increase of \$500, had it not been for the closing of the Hall for the first six months of the year owing to necessary repairs of the roof. The five extra school days are accounted for, by the special holidays in 1902 connected with His Majesty's Coronation.

2. Mr. A. J. May went on leave on the 4th April, and Mr. E. Ralphs has been an efficient Acting Second Master during his absence. Mr. Denby was absent on leave throughout the year. Mr. Hollis arrived in February, but resigned on 31 May on leaving the Colony. Mr. R. J. Birbeck, B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, was appointed in his place, arriving 24th September, and proving an energetic and successful teacher of English. Messrs. Lo Pun-fai and Fung Ho-chung, 8th and 9th Chinese Assistants, having obtained appointments as English teachers at Tientsin University, resigned on 10th April; as also, on 31st October Dr. Lai Chan-ping, 5th Chinese Assistant, on being appointed Translator to the Canton and Hankow Railway. All three gentlemen had been conspicuously excellent teachers, and I was sorry to lose their services. Promotions and appointments were made to fill the vacancies thus caused.

3. Non-Chinese classes, as reported at the time to the Government, were abolished by me last February, owing to the diminution in numbers not justifying me in the assignment of two English masters specially for their benefit. The boys were thereupon scattered amongst Classes I-IV, being allotted to those sections that are under the control of English masters. The year's experience has shown that by far the majority have suffered by their return to mixed classes, as is testified by their position obtained by competition in the various Class lists. As a substitute for the two Translation subjects, non-Chinese boys in Classes I-IV offered Natural Science and Physiology, and in the remaining Classes an incremental *pro rata* allowance was made for these two subjects on the actual total marks obtained by each non-Chinese boy.

4. Monday, the 25th May, was observed by order of H.E. the Governor as a holiday in loving memory of the Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. On Saturday, the 23rd, occasion was taken to explain to every Class the reason of the holiday, and by aid of maps practical demonstration was given of the expansion of the British Empire in the Victorian Epoch. It did not appear convenient or desirable to assemble the boys, who live at all distances (up to two, three and even six miles) from school, to listen to a lecture upon the holiday itself; especially in view of the damp hot weather usually prevalent in the month of May. I propose, therefore, to make a practice of annually addressing the boys on the subject of the British Empire, on the school day immediately preceding Victoria Day, which has now been gazetted an Annual Public Holiday.

5. Chinese school, abolished in 1896, has at length been restored, five Vernacular masters having been appointed by His Excellency from the 1st of January. During the past month, they have been employed in making Chinese Translations, in examining boys already in the College with a view to their classification for Vernacular School, in and drawing up Time Tables and Regulations. Vernacular School will begin early in March. By a scheme formulated by me, in February last, not only will there be a direct benefit from the study of the Chinese language, but also there will be to English School the indirect advantage accruing from the transfer of Masters of higher to lower English Classes, while their own sections are pursuing Chinese studies.

6. In 1887, in the draft suggestions of the requirements for Queen's College, I included the appointment of a Normal Master. A few years later, I applied for an allowance for this officer, which was, however, refused. With the assistance of the Governing Body, my labours in this direction have been crowned with success, and Mr. Tanner has been appointed Normal Master by His Excellency from 1st March, until further notice. I have in my Annual Reports repeatedly borne testimony to the excellent work done by Chinese Assistants, who have acquired considerable skill in teaching, by laborious practice, aided by hints and advice given by myself. There can, however, be no question that the value of their services will be enormously enhanced by a course of carefully regulated instruction in the art and science of teaching.

7. At the Oxford Local Examinations, the good results of the previous year were surpassed by the successes of 1903. 29 certificates were obtained by Queen's College boys, 5 Senior, 9 Junior and 15 Preliminary. The mark G, next to Distinction, was obtained 40 times in 1903, as against 16 times in 1902. Of the 29 certificates, 16 were awarded to Chinese boys. Three Chinese boys were placed by the Oxford Examiners at the head of the Senior list in this College, and six at the head of the Junior. In the Preliminary list, the two brothers Galluzzi, by offering Italian in addition to the usual subjects, rank first, being immediately followed by three Chinese boys. The percentage of passes in Queen's College is 83 in Senior, 43 in Junior and 79 in Preliminary. The inferiority shown by the Junior candidates should prove a salutary lesson for the future, as with very little more application several more boys might have passed. Heartly congratulations are again due to Messrs. Ralphs, Grant, and Tanner for their painstaking and successful instruction.

8. Various structural improvements have been effected by the Public Works Department, in the College in the course of the year. An entirely new roof has been erected over the Hall, without a ceiling, as a check on the ravages of white ants; the roofs elsewhere have been generally over-hauled; improvements made in the approaches to the latrine and its ventilation; and at the suggestion of the Acting Second Master, Mr. Ralphs, two extra rooms have been enclosed from the Verandah for the use of the Normal Master and Pupil Teachers.

9. By Resolution of the Governing Body, the Annual Examination of Queen's College in the months of December and January has been entrusted to the sole control of the Head Master; Inspector in a d Examination by the Independent Examiner, being assigned to the summer.

10. The total number recently examined is 997, record figures for this College. The oral examination lasted throughout the month of December, Reading in all classes 997 boys, conversation 760 and in Class VII, Grammar 166 boys. The Written examination occupied twenty days in January, 716 papers being marked. Of these, 627 were corrected and marked by myself, the remaining 98 being marked by Senior Chinese Assistants. Class masters were present at the oral examination, and were called to the office to notice anything of interest in the written work. The system of marking adopted was 34 per cent marks were necessary for a pass in subject and class, the Questions being sufficiently severe, and the standard exacted high. 34-49 marks = Fair, 50-70 = Good, 71-85 = Very Good and 86-100 = Excellent. Following this line, I estimate the result of the Examination as highly satisfactory.

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12. Observations on Groups of Subjects, English subjects: Reading showed considerable improvement in phrasing, though mispronunciation of common words requires stricter attention. With the exception of Junior section of Class I, which was generally weak, Dictation was very good, Shakespeare, History, Geography, and Composition were exceedingly well done; there being specially noticeable a high degree of intelligence displayed in dealing with these subjects. The results in Conversation were most pleasing; the boys in the Senior section of Class I acquitting themselves so creditably that I regretted there was no one to hear them except myself and Mr. Ralphs. Professor Barnett, formerly Principal of the Borough Road Training College, thus delivers himself on the subject of Grammar in his preface to a new Edition of Morell. "The study of grammar would not have maintained so close a hold on the schools if the teachers had not felt its paramount importance as an intellectual exercise, and again general grammatical aptitude is of all things necessary as the indispensable minimum of logic without which we are liable to incorrect thought as well as incorrect speech, for no man has yet succeeded in separating the idea and name." Fully endorsing Professor Barnett's remarks, I regret once more to be obliged to complain of the low standard attained in the important subject of grammar. In this, as in many other subjects, there is need of more attention to individual scholars, and I would venture to suggest to my masters the advisability of pursuing the course followed by myself during the eight years in which I discharged the duties of a practical teacher in the Central School. I found excellent results obtained through dividing a class roughly into quarters, and devoting my main attention to each of these quarters in different subjects on different days, with occasional demonstrations on the blackboard to the whole class. Most inspection of slates and less work on the blackboard appears to me the cure for weakness in grammar and mathematical subjects.

13. Translation from and into Chinese were well done, the former being better than the latter. As usual, an un-keen piece of Chinese formed the fifth question in every paper. In the Upper School I made selections from recent issues of the local native press, and I was much pleased with the rendering into English, especially in the senior section of the First Class. As a novelty this year, I also inserted an un-keen piece of English in every class to be turned into Chinese, but this was not equally well done. The papers written in Chinese were first assessed by the Vernacular masters on the matter of style and correctness in writing characters. They were then marked for translation by Messrs. Ng and Tsang, the two Senior Chinese Assistants. In view of the interest evinced by the boys throughout the College in this important branch of education, I much regret that by 875/3 C.S.O. instruction in both Translations has been prohibited in the Lower and Preparatory Schools, representing about 700 boys.

14. Mathematical subjects: Arithmetic is again weak throughout the College. Algebra was a successful subject in the Upper School. On the representation of Mr. Grant that the test in Class I was too severe, I allowed a *pro rata* increment of 25% to the Senior Section and 50% to the Junior; but in justice to myself, I must report that, as is the case with all other Examination papers, no one question set failed to elicit a correct answer from some one or more boys. Euclid was intelligently done in Classes I-II and by a few boys in Class III, where it is a new and difficult subject. A better grasp of principles might be exhibited in Mensuration, though several boys deserve high praise. A fair proportion of boys in Classes I and II did well in Bookkeeping. As it is unusual for a non-Chinese boy to excel in these subjects, it is only just to Carl Bunje to place on record that he obtained no less than 86% marks in both Euclid and Bookkeeping.

15. Miscellaneous subjects: The General Intelligence paper was better worked than in my previous experience; the answers were full of interest and showed acquaintance with a wide field of information. Natural Science and Physiology were well done by the Senior class of non-Chinese boys, who offer these subjects instead of Translations. Free-hand and Model Drawing and Short-hand have been taught with great success by Mr. Tanner as optional subjects.

16. The scholarships were awarded as under: Senior Morrison, I. A. The Toak Kai; Junior Morrison, I. A. Yung Yam Mun; Stewart, I. A. Yung Sik; Senior Bellios, I. A. K. P. Shant; Junior Bellios, I. A. M. Yama-saki. The Chinese community has by subscription founded a Blake Scho arship, of the annual value of \$150, in honour of His Excellency the recent Governor; the first award will be made in 1905 for proficiency in Translations and English Composition. To the list of donors of prizes published in my last Annual Report should be added the names of Messrs Wan Tsung-in and Leung Lan-fan, both former scholars and masters of this College, who have already attained high positions in the Chinese Imperial Service. The sons of Mr. Arculli, old scholars, have joined their father in presenting a handsome donation.

17. In December, Mr. Hannibal Williams was kind enough to accept my invitation to give in the Hall a recitation of Shakespeare's Henry IV, Part I. There was a good attendance, and the opportunity was welcomed, especially by those boys who annually make a study of some Shakespearean play. The School Magazine and various Clubs continue to flourish.

18. A new and more liberal scale of salaries for Chinese Assistants and Pupil Teachers came into effect from the 1st instant.

EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION.

The Head Master, turning to His Excellency, said:—Sir, it is just twelve months since you honoured us by distributing the prizes here, and I congratulate you on your recent promotion to the office of Colonial Secretary. I have now the honour and pleasure to welcome Your Excellency, and I venture to offer congratulations upon your equally popular preferment to your present more exalted position. The local atmosphere has, for the past ten days, been heavy with public functions, and we feel it the kinder of Your Excellency and Mrs. May to manage to be present here to-day. The large number of prize distributions and the excellent reports must strike the public generally; but, sir, old residents like myself cannot fail to be impressed with the increase in the number of schools, the increase in attendance, and above all the increase in the efficiency of the schools of this Colony. Twenty years ago, when I acted for twelve months as Inspector of Schools, I was well acquainted with the then condition of education in the Colony, and I am positive that any man who would have ventured to predict the present expansion of education would have been deemed a visionary. The Bible says, "When one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it," but of education the converse may truly be stated, the more any one school flourishes, the more other schools prosper. "The more the merrier," and amending the proverb we conclude with the words, "The more schools the better cheer" for the scholars (Applause).

MR. MAY'S SPEECH.

H.E. Mr. F. H. May then distributed the prizes, and afterwards said:—Dr. Wright, ladies and gentlemen, the report which Dr. Wright has read is, I think you will all agree, a very satisfactory one. I congratulate the Head Master, and all the other masters of the school on the larger measure of success attained this year in the Oxford Local Examinations to what has been accomplished in the past. I think this is a very satisfactory feature of the report (Applause). The Head Master has supplied me with various samples of examination papers in composition, Shakespeare, history, general intelligence and translation from Chinese into English and English into Chinese. These papers were, on the whole, very well done and the Head Master is fully justified in being entirely satisfied with them. In his report, Dr. Wright has expressed his regret that in the local schools the system of making translations from Chinese into English and *vice versa* has, by decision of the Government, been prohibited for the present. Now I think it may be useful if I state the reason of that decision. It is that it is not considered that the best method of teaching boys to compose in a language which they are acquiring is by means of translations. That decision is based upon experience gained in other schools and in other centres of teaching. I might mention one of them. In China the best school for teaching English young men Chinese is without doubt, the British Legation in Peking. They have had vast experience in the teaching of Chinese, and their method is that during the first year that a young Englishman is learning the Chinese language he does not touch translation work at all. He devotes himself entirely to the colloquial language, and when he has a grip of that he begins to translate. I passed through that school myself, and I might just mention for the information of masters, perhaps as a hint to them, that because translation work is prohibited it does not follow that other methods of teaching the boys should not be adopted. One that was in vogue in those days was for the student to tell his Chinese teacher a story in English one day and get the Chinese teacher to tell it back to him in Chinese. Another day he would write a short letter to his Chinese teacher and get him to correct it. That was my favourite method of learning Chinese, and I may say that I found it a very successful one. That brings me to the subject of colloquial generally. You know that from this year we are going to adopt in Queen's College what is known as the new system of teaching colloquial. It is a system that has been found in Europe to be by far the most successful in teaching modern languages. To assist in the institution of that system, as you have heard from Dr. Wright, in his report, a Northern master has been appointed, and I feel quite sure that, with his assistance, and under his instruction, a very great progress will be made during the coming year in the study of colloquial. It is a subject that the independent examiners, who examined this College a short time ago, made rather severe comments upon. Now it is the duty of all our boys to throw themselves into the spirit of the new method when it has been thoroughly explained to you, and to assist your masters in carrying it out so that when the independent examiners come to examine the college again they will have nothing but praise where formerly they found fault. Remember that a master cannot do everything. He can only do one-half; the student must do the other half, and throw himself into the work and assist the master to the best of his ability. There is another subject that Dr. Wright alluded to, and that is the restoration of the Chinese classes in this college. That is to say that, in the lower school, boys will be instructed in the Chinese language. Dr. Wright, I know, views this innovation with a

great deal of pleasure, and I think you all know that I myself regard it as a most important improvement. I said yesterday, in distributing prizes at the Government District Schools, that it is very necessary for all Chinese who seek to make a career for themselves, either in the Government service or in the commercial sphere, or in their own country, in whatever capacity, that they should have a good sound knowledge of their own language. There is another reason why I, and I believe your Head Master, view with satisfaction the restoration of the Chinese schools. You know that the less educated Chinese in Hongkong—the Chinese of the middle and lower classes—have the unenviable reputation of having very much worse manners than the Chinese in China or in Peking or the treaty ports of China. I have lived in Peking and in Canton, and I have paid short visits to various treaty ports and I have also travelled extensively in China itself; and I am sorry to say I think the middle and lower classes of Chinese here have well earned that reputation. It is only just now that I, who am for the time being the King's representative in the Colony, came into the courtyard of this college. There were seated there several coolies—ignorant coolies no doubt—and they remained seated till I told the policeman who was following me to make them get up. Now, in China, conduct like that would be corrected by the stern logic of the bamboo. I remember many years ago that I rode when travelling in North China into the yard of a Chinese inn followed by my mafoo, who was also on pony back, and just as I entered the yard of the inn a high Chinese official entered the yard also. He descended from his mule litter in which he was travelling close to where my mafoo was sitting on his pony, and my mafoo omitted the etiquette, which is called for by Chinese politeness, of getting down off his pony in the presence of his superiors. Instead of that he remained seated on his pony. I went in to my lunch and the official went into the inn also; and presently I was disturbed by a great outcry and I went out and I found that some of the suite of the Chinese official were giving my mafoo a very severe licking with sticks and other instruments. I may say that I thoroughly approved of their action, and in the afternoon after the Chinese official had left and I was about to leave, my groom came to me and he said, "Your honour, I do not wish any longer to serve you." And I said, "Why?" And he said, "I have lost my face." I have been maltreated and beaten by the suite of the Chinese official and you, my master, did not raise your hand to protect me." And I said, "It is not you who have lost your face, but it is I who have lost my face and you have gained the loss. You are my servant and it was your duty to behave with proper politeness to the Chinese official. Instead of that you committed a grave breach of etiquette for which I will give you another flogging," which I thereupon did; and that man ever afterwards was polite to outsiders and he was also polite to me. Now, unfortunately here in Hongkong we cannot, in dealing with the ignorant coolies, like those outside this morning, appeal to the stern logic of the bamboo because the British law does not permit it; but you who are the rising generation of the Chinese can, by your example correct such rudeness. If you are continually polite to your masters and to each other and to those who are placed in authority over you, then the lower orders in this Colony will, in the course of time, imitate your example; and what I have said to the Chinese boys applies equally to European boys of other nationalities. One of the amenities of life which does not do anybody any harm and does a great deal of good is politeness. When you come to travel—if any of you ever do—in Western countries you will find that politeness with nothing else is a commodity which may prove a great economy to you. We have in the West a pernicious system of what we call "tips"—small rewards for services done. My experience is, as they say in the West, that "A smile and a sixpence" in such circumstances, "will go as far as half-a-crown." Therefore, in the interests of your pocket, I would enjoin upon you to be polite. I now wish you all a very happy holiday. I have been very pleased to come here to-day. Queen's College is the premier school of our Government schools and the Government derives a great deal of benefit from it. Dr. Wright will tell you that when I was Captain Superintendent of Police, whenever I wanted a new clerk, instead of resorting to the competitive examinations, which are sometimes inconvenient, I used to ask him to send one of his best Chinese boys from this college, and I must say I never was disappointed in the boys he sent me. (Applause). Some of them have done extremely well in the Government service, and if they go on as they have begun they would do even better; and I can assure you, boys, that if you attend to your studies and live good sober lives there is plenty of advancement for you both inside this Colony and outside of it. (Applause).

Dr. Bateson Wright thanked H.E. for his instructive speech and the proceedings terminated.

THE PRIZE LIST.

OXFORD LOCALS, 1903-4.
Senior—Ho Yan-sik A.A. The Toak Kai, A.A. Chan Tzu-yi, B. Nje Carl, A.A. Bunje Henry, A.A. Junior—Au Hing-to, Lai Chiu-chung, Fung Pak-oi, Lo Shiu-tung, Fung Kwai-hung, Lam Shiu-in, Mooney, W. G., Tse Yan-lung, Watling, H.
Preliminary—Galluzzi, R. F. Galluzzi, C. C. Funging Ting-shan, Sung Ting-tai, Chan Kwok-nia (dead), Juman, Y. M. Markar, C. Y. Cheung, Luo-shang, Moosa, S. K. Tettei, C. S. Safford, A. M., Rahmah, A. K. Li, On-lun, Chau Kwan-lan, Abubeker, S.
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS, 1904.
Morrison Scholarship—Senior, The Toak Kai, Junior, Yung Yam-mun.
Stewart Scholarship—Ho Yan-sik.
Bellios Scholarship—Senior, Ko Po-sham, Junior, Yama-saki.
Translation—Senior, Fung Pak-oi, Junior, Fung Kwai-hung, Lam Shiu-in, Mooney, W. G., Tse Yan-lung, Watling, H.
History—Lai Chiu-chung, Fung Kwai-hung, Lam Shiu-in, Mooney, W. G., Tse Yan-lung, Watling, H.
THE BEER TO DRINK IN THE TROPICS IS THE BEER MADE IN THE TROPICS—SAN MIGUEL.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Crisis.

LONDON, 31st January.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the merchandise traffic on the Trans-Siberian Railway will be provisionally suspended from the 2nd February, in order to leave the line free for the conveyance of troops and stores.

LATER.

Messrs. Vickers Sons & Maxim and Messrs. Armstrong & Co. received orders on Saturday to proceed with the construction and the complete equipment of two new Japanese warships as speedily as possible. The tonnage of each ship is to be 16,400, speed, 19 knots and the armament heavier than that of the best British warship.

Bye Election.

A Liberal has been elected for Ayrburgh.

Naval Activity at the Cape.

There is unusual activity at Simons Town. The British war ships are taking in large quantities of coal and ammunition.

Re-Organisation of the British Army.

With the recommendation of the War Office Committee and the approval of the King, the Government has decided to appoint an Army Council framed on the model of the Board of the Admiralty. A Commander-in-Chief will cease to exist and a new post of Inspector-General will be created, the principal duty of whom will be to inspect and report on the efficiency of the military forces, under the control of the Home Government.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

The Rebellion in German South-West Africa.

Berlin, 27th January.

According to the news received from Oiyimbirg the Bastards have been found to be faithful to the German Government. As far as is known, sixteen of them have been murdered, and seventy are missing.

(N. C. D. News.)

The Crisis.

PROVIDING THE FUNDS

Tokio, 27th January. The flotation of exchequer bonds, and the enhancement of various taxes, are imminent.

Tokio, 28th January.

The Premier and the Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs, War, and the Navy are giving dinners to-day and to-morrow to prominent bankers and financiers throughout the country.

Later. Marquis Ito, G.C.B., President of the Privy Council, Marquis Field-Marshal Yamagata, and Count Matsukata, G.C.M.G., Elder Statesmen, were received in audience to-day.

The Imperial Household has decided to subscribe to the forthcoming exchequer bonds.

The Welcome to the New Cruisers.

Tokio, 28th January.

The Tokio Municipal Assembly resolved unanimously to-day to take charge of the financial arrangements for the proposed Welcome Entertainment to the Japanese and Foreign crews of the *Kanga* and *Nitshin*.

The Origin of Corea's Neutrality.

Tokio, 28th January.

A number of Belgians, Russians, and French at Seoul have formed a secret society in communication with some of the higher Korean officials. The recent declaration of neutrality is an outcome of this.

A Fire at Kobe.

Kobe, 28th January.

Mr. de Berigny's residence on the Hill at Kobe was almost totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire originated, it is believed, in the bath heating apparatus upstairs. Some books were saved.

A YARN CASE

AT THE SUPREME COURT.

The Puisne Judge, Mr. A. G. Wise, heard an action at the Supreme Court this morning in which the Sui Yuk firm of traders, of 23 Hillier Street sought to recover from the Hing Shing firm of traders, of 48 Wing Lok Street the sum of \$461.39 monies due respecting a yarn transaction. The sum of \$218 had been paid into Court.

Mr. H. W. Loker (Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) represented plaintiffs, and Mr. J. Hastings appeared for the defendant.

In the course of a preliminary argument on a point of law, Mr. Hastings said, although the matter appeared somewhat complicated it resolved itself into a very small issue. The whole question rested on a question of the contract for 50 bales of yarn, at \$106 per bale, plus commission at three-quarter per cent. He maintained that plaintiffs, by refusing to give defendants delivery of the yarn, which they had set off against another 50 bales at \$103, had not carried out the contract. Defendants argued no such contract as that existed and, therefore, charged them with damages sustained through plaintiffs having failed to carry out the first contract respecting the 50 bales of yarn at \$106. If the contract for the bales at \$103 existed plaintiffs would succeed in the action; if not, then his clients succeeded.

His Lordship pointed out that plaintiffs argued there should have been a cross-summons.

Mr. Hastings maintained that he had power to set the claim off against the account.

Mr. Loker submitted that, apart from that question, it brought itself down to the point as to whether his Lordship thought that the contract for 50 bales at \$103 existed. He proceeded to state the facts of the case which showed that on the 27th March, last, plaintiffs sold to the defendants 50 bales of yarn, and on the following day sold them another 50 bales. In accordance with the custom of the yarn market, which was not disputed, delivery of the yarn was in three months. They took delivery of the bales under the first contract, and plaintiffs pressed them continually to do so with other 50 bales. Eventually, on or about the 1st or 2nd December, plaintiffs determined to put an end to any possible loss under the contract by finishing it in one way or another otherwise, if the yarn suddenly rose in price, they would still have to sell it to defendants at the price agreed upon when it ought to have been sold elsewhere at \$108 or \$109. The yarn purchased under the contract of 1st December was then bought back at \$103, leaving a difference in price of \$5 per bale, and the point of issue related to this.

Evidence was read, and his Lordship adjourned the case.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

HONGKONG COLLEGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE-DAY.

The prizes in connection with the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese School Society's Hongkong College were presented to the successful students by Mr. Irving, H. M. Inspector of Schools, at noon to-day.

Mr. Irving was in the chair, and there were present Messrs. Ellis Kadoorie, John Stirling, H. Kirkhope, E. J. Moses, E. Howard and W. D. Braidwood, Mrs. Ezra, Miss Judah, Rev. W. Bridle, Lau Chau Pak, Li King Chau, Chan Pun Sun, Fung Sui Wan, Chan Foon Ny, Pun Wei Shun, Lam Sau Ting, Pan Van Cheun, Leung Chuk Chong, Yeung Pui Sang, Fung Sau Sang, Fung Wa Chai, Chai Siu Ki, Pang Kang Shang, Chan Chan Nam, Lai Shun Hing, Wong Sui Leung and others.

After recitations by the pupils of the College, which were admirably rendered, Mr. W. D. Braidwood read the annual report.

THE REPORT.

Mr. Irving, President and Members of the Council, ladies and gentlemen.—In presenting to you the Third Annual Report of the Society's Hongkong College I am pleased to say that, in many respects, it bears favourable comparison with its predecessors, and if the College has not been conducted wholly on the lines I have recommended, that has been more the fault of circumstances, than any want of will on the part of the Council.

Great improvements have been made in the entrance and surroundings of the buildings, and the levelling of the ground immediately to the west of the College has been a great boon to the students. While the addition of new offices on the east side has materially added to their comfort. Internally, three Class Rooms, each capable of accommodating about thirty pupils, have been taken in. These have increased the facilities for individual teaching, have tended to decrease the noise consequent on so many classes being conducted simultaneously in the Central Hall, and thus improved the discipline. Beyond the possession of Maps and Globes, the College is but scantily provided with apparatus, and if the subjects of the curriculum are to be efficiently taught, the College should be equipped with modern appliances. Nothing handicaps a teacher more than the lack of material and apparatus with which to illustrate his subject.

On June 27, three additional teachers, for the Society, arrived from England. One of these (Mr. Nichol) was appointed Assistant Master in the Honan College, while Messrs. Hamilton and Scott were retained as Assistant Masters here. Both of these gentlemen have had considerable experience in teaching, and are conversant with the most modern methods of imparting instruction. To them and the members of the Anglo-Chinese Staff, I am much indebted for able and cheerfully-rendered assistance.

In December, 1902, the Council had under consideration the desirability of placing the College under the Government Grant-in-Aid Scheme, and correspondence with the Inspector of Schools took place. As however a New Educational Code was in course of preparation, the matter was deferred till its completion in June, 1903, and the College came under the aegis of the Educational department on 1st July following. That the College will benefit by this change, I will leave the Inspector of Schools—who has so kindly consented to preside to-day to convince you.

In 1901 and 1902 education at this College was free, but while Free Education is, in itself, an excellent thing, it has, when confined to one institution in a district, disadvantages, which will, doubtless, occur to many of you. These disadvantages so influenced the Council that it was decided to charge a fee of \$24 per annum, and this regulation has been in force during the past year.

In all, four hundred and forty-one pupils were enrolled for 1903, and the highest number present on any one day was three hundred and twenty-two. The number of teaching days was two hundred and forty.

I regret to say that, only two students made the complete number of attendances, and these will receive special prizes, but I understand the Council has, in contemplation, a scheme by which those who make, say nine tenths of the possible number of attendances, will receive a more suitable reward. Anything which will tend to check the great irregularity in attendance is worthy of serious consideration.

The Annual Examination, conducted by myself, began on Monday, 18th inst., and was continued throughout that and the four succeeding days. The examination of the Chinese Division took place on the three school days immediately following. A Table of Results is attached to this report. As it is rather long I will not enter into the details, but simply state the percentage of passes in each subject, for all the classes—Reading, 99.1 per cent; arithmetic, 84.6 per cent; dictation, 74.6 per cent; English colloquial, 76 per cent; translation, (C to E) 93 per cent, (translation E to C) 93 per cent; grammar, 85.5 per cent; history, 100 per cent; English composition, 76 per cent; mensuration 93.2 per cent; science, 76 per cent. Geography 69 per cent.

Recognizing the great importance of Colloquial much time and attention have been devoted to this subject. I, personally, examined every pupil in this branch, and satisfied myself that the method we have adopted, of teaching Colloquial in even the lowest classes, by means of pictorial illustration and a collection of familiar objects, is destined to produce the best results. In classes Ia and Via, the pass in this subject was 100 per cent.

As will be seen from the figures just quoted, the results obtained in geography were not satisfactory. This is a subject that seems to have few attractions for Chinese boys, and the class-books at present in use do not treat the subject in the most attractive manner.

I will not say that many of the students in classes Ia and Ib, have been successful in securing good appointments at remunerative salaries. Two are student interpreters in the Government Service; two, writers in the Naval Yard; two, clerks in the Hongkong Club, while still two more are engaged as interpreters by the Canton and Hankow Railway Co. This by no means exhausts the list, but it is sufficient to show that the College is doing good work, and amply fulfilling the object which its promoters had in view.

Early in September, a communication was received from Messrs. Reid and Sites of the Nanyang College, Shanghai, intimating that the Commissioners for the forthcoming St. Louis Exposition had in contemplation the preparation of an exhibit illustrative of the condition and progress of education in China, and asking us to contribute thereto. To this the Council agreed, and specimens of the students' work, in both English and Chinese, some fine copies of ancient and modern Chinese writing, together with coloured maps and photographs of the exterior and interior of our colleges here and in Canton, were forwarded. These exhibits were on view here before being dispatched, and together

with the specimens from Honan and Saitwan, were much admired.

On this occasion, the Council has, in lieu of the usual prizes, substituted—in the English Department—a series of scholarships, whereby the most successful students in each class will be exempted from payment of fees, for periods varying from twelve to four months.

I am also pleased to be able to announce that, by the generosity of the Chinese community, the College has received one of the "Blake" scholarships of the value of \$50 per annum.

Our thanks are due to the Committees of the Tung Wah Hospital and Po Leung Kuk respectively, for gifts of watches, as also to the great number of Chinese gentlemen who have so liberally contributed to our Prize Fund.

MR. IRVING'S SPEECH.

After the prizes had been presented by Mr. Irving, he said that he did not know whether the scholars studied Sheridan or not; but if they did they would remember the question put by Mrs. Malaprop to Jack Absolute—"Are you like Cerebus, two gentlemen in one?" He had heard that it was also the day on which the Queen's College distribution of prizes took place, on whose governing board he was, and he felt that he too would like to have been like Cerebus. The Hongkong College was established in 1901, and it was the first of a series of schools in existence in Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai. After complimenting the College on the beautiful building it possessed, which he compared to the schools erected by the early Athenians, Mr. Irving went on to speak of the teaching by the Chinese Assistants. The English staff did not come by their knowledge of teaching by chance, but by learning, and he pointed out that Mr. Williams, of Saiyungpoo school, had decided to give lessons to Chinese assistants in the art of teaching. Irregular attendance at school was another point which was touched upon by Mr. Irving. He had just presented two boys with prizes for having been present at school every day for the past term, and expressed his pleasure at so doing. The attendance of Chinese at school was unfortunately irregular, and he addressed a few words to the boys on the importance of being regular in their attendance at school, which would prove of inestimable value to them when they grew to be men. In concluding, he expressed his thanks to Mr. Braidwood for being allowed the privilege to present the prizes, and wished that the masters and boys would enjoy their holidays.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak in a few words thanked Mr. Irving for his presence, and also for the able speech he had made.

The proceedings closed with three cheers for the Inspector of Schools.

SUSPECTED REBELLION.

On the 3rd of this month, learns the *Tung Wen Hu Pao*, all Canton was panic-stricken. The fact was that a telegram was sent from Hongkong to the foreign Consuls at Hya Mien, stating that arms had been secretly purchased in Hongkong and were about to be smuggled into the interior, and that prompt steps should be taken for their search. Just a day before the telegram something that tended to increase the alarm of the people happened. At a distance, not far from the Military-supply Department, the guards noticed some people of a very suspicious character. This was reported to the Military Department, and soon telegraphic communications were exchanged, and all the military authorities were instructed to keep a vigilant watch on the situation. Soon after the Hongkong telegram was received, the Viceroy instructed the General to spare no pains to hunt down the secret-society men as well as to spy out their movements. Day and night special soldiers were kept on the alert, ever ready against emergencies. It was not, however, till some time afterwards that fear was dispelled.

LATEST news of the Tibet Mission states that Colonel Younghusband and the headquarters mission having been safely conducted has settled with supplies at Tuna. Colonel MacDonald has returned to Phari and when more supplies have been pushed up another advance will be made. Tuna is described as a small village of some dozen houses. Its residents have been proved quite friendly and gives all available supplies. Colonel Younghusband is believed to be accompanied by several Chinese officials. The climb over the Fangle pass was fairly easy but the march was long and the transport animals suffered rather severely at a height of 15,000 feet. Luckily, however, there were no casualties. So far there is no sign of any opposition. Advance has been made in strict accord with the programme which Colonel Younghusband laid down. The Government of India are believed to be quite satisfied with the promising progress made.

COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai advices dated 28th ult. report business done—Shanghai and Hongkong Wharfs at Tls. 200. Indo-Chinas at Tls. 52 cash, and Tls. 54 for April. Farnham Boyds at Tls. 127 for March. Shanghai Lands at Tls. 100/110. Ma (schappin) at Tls. 207/205 cash. Tls. 310 for March, Tls. 315/317 for April, and Tls. 320 for May. Moutries at Tls. 52. Colonies at Tls. 14.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.
London—Bank T.T. 109 15/16
Do. Demand 110
Do. 4 months' sight 110 1/2
France—Bank T.T. 230
America—Bank T.T. 44 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T. 187
India T.T. 135 1/2
Do. Demand 135 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T. Nominal
Japan—Bank T.T. 90 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T. Nominal
Java—Bank T.T. 110 1/2

Buying.
4 months' sight L/C. 110 1/2
6 months' sight L/C. 110 1/2
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York. 45 1/2
4 months' sight do. 45 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne. 110 1/2
4 months' sight France. 234
6 months' sight do. 235 1/2
4 months' sight Germany. 187 1/2
Bar Silver 25
Bank of England rate 109 15/16

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows—
Malwa New 900/930
" Last Year 950/1020
" Highest 1,050/1,100
Patna New 1,135
Bengal New 1,105
Persian Paper 875/930

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J. Morvan (of "Vengeance") versus Holmes, R.M.L.I. (of "Thetis") to Rounds.

Mickey Lacey (Baniam Champion) versus H. Bull (Derbyshire Regt.) to Rounds.

Gayler, L. S. (of Albion) versus Terry Armstrong (of "Vengeance") 6 Rounds.

Sto. Iyng (of "Vengeance") versus Belfield (of "Albion").

V. Kuster (of "Brooklyn") goes 5 Rounds with J. Kennedy (of U.S.A.).

2ND NIGHT—DRUMMOND (of "THETIS") versus Murray (of "Albion") to Rounds.

J. Crawley (of "Glory") versus Punch Fowler (of "Thetis") 6 Rounds.

Bodger Bacon (of Derbyshire Regt.) versus Bergin (of "Tamar") 8 Rounds.

G. Turner (of "Albion") versus A. Franks (of "Vengeance") to Rounds.

Holmes (of "Waterwitch") versus Osborne, R.M.L.I. (of "Vengeance") 6 Rounds.

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Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. Robinson's, The Comptroller, City Hall, and Naval Canton.

W. J. MANSEY, H. GOW, Promoter, General Manager. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [17]

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Leung Shi-wai, 111B, Leung Kwok-ying, 111C, Chan Kam-u.

Composition:—1A, Carl Bunje, 1B, Luk Tsun-fai, 11A, W. Ford, 11B, Tam Cheung-wa, 111A, Tsai Shiu-fan, 111B, Kwai Wing-yah, 111C, Yung Po-man.

Macell Memorial Prize:—1A, Carl Bunje. Short-hand:—11A Cheung Ping-shan. Drawing:—Frederick—Sung Ping-sui, 11A, Model, Li Un-lun, 11B.

CLAS PRIZES. 1A, 1, Tso Tsok-kai (Morrison Scholar), 2, Ho Yan-sik (Morrison Scholar), 3, Bunje C. (Mackell), 4, Au Kwok-leung.

1B, 1, Pang Kwok-sui, 2, Lau Wan-san, 11A, 1, Chi Po-lam, 2, Leung Shi-kau, 11B, 1, Wong Ping, 2, Pun Sz Yeung.

111A, 1, Chan King-leuk, 2, Luk I-yau, 111B, 1, Li Pat, 2, Chan Ping-lun, 111C, 1, Wong Chan-wong, 2, Ho Wan-chong.

11A, 1, Yung Yau-min (Morrison, Junior), 2, Lo Kam-cheung, 3, Kwan Shi-cheung, 11B, 1, Ioi Wa-cheung, 2, Yeung Pak-ito, 11C, 1, Kwok Wan-fan, 2, Ho Shi-kit, 10, A. M. Osman.

11A, 1, Ho Cheuk-kwan, 2, Lau Yuk-cheung, 8, H. Livesey, 11B, 1, Ho King-shun, 2, Fung Sz-fong, 3, G. Arab.

11C, 1, Lo Man-kun, 2, Yeung Kiu-fong, 11A, 1, Fung Fung-sun, 2, Cheng Lu-kwan, 11B, 1, Au Wung-tsun, 2, Li Lun-kwai, 11C, 1, Chei Ka-cheung, 2, Leung Ying-kun.

11D, 1, Tsoi Fuk hang, 2, Pan Chong-wan, 11A, 1, Au Shiu-cheung, 2, U Wing-tok, 11B, 1, Mok Kiu-fan, 2, Sung Sai-kwan, 11C, 1, Li Fat-san, 2, Chan Un-kun, 3, Ha Lin-ting.

11D, 1, Ho Un-hing, 2, Fok Min-fut, 11A, 1, Lam Tzu, 2, Lam Tien, 11B, 1, Chiu Chung-ha, 2, Hung Tai-fan.

TURF TOPICS.

A good deal of galloping was gone through to-day; both courses were open and henceforward the outer course will be open three times a week for galloping.

Discovery was sent out in perfect darkness and no one could take the time or follow the pony's movements.

Regret and Alladin—(1) mile—33.1.05. Nares and Totia went for 1 1/2 mile after trotting once round the course. The spectators were not aware for what distance they were going. All they could observe was that Commander Gaunt had his sleeves tucked up and evidently meant business. The first half mile was covered in the flying time of 30.1.02, and the last was done in 37.1.13 finishing rather done up; while time could not be taken. Totia who was 20 to 30 lengths behind raced up the straight and caught up to the crack.

Ichiban is reported to be lame. Remnant—1 mile (n)—33.1.04, 36.2.04. Scholberg, 1 mile, last 31.1.03, 34.1.03.

Border Laird 3 1/2. Standard and Manila—(n) mile—34.1.09, 1.43.

Alarm and Sentry—1 mile—35.1.06. Quebec—1 mile (o)—last 36.1.11, 1.45. Polka mile, Rex joined 38.1.10, 1.42.

2.17, and for Rex 32.1.04, 1.41. Tai Yat—1 mile (n)—34.1.04, 1.43. Eclipse, Liberty Rose, Sirius, 1 mile, 29.1.04, came in the order named.

Dormouse, Lumberer, 1 mile, 3.1.14, 1.51, 2.25, very steady going.

Punjabrum—1 mile (o)—42.1.23, 2.02, 2.37.

Arranpogue, Bailie, 1/2 last 1.1.09. Bonoline, Hazard, 1/2 last 34.1.07; the two stable companions appeared to go kindly together.

Colinist, Growler, 1/2 1.04. Gobang, Zuffall, 1/2 35.1.08, 1.43. Persistence, Good-bye, (o) 1/2 mile, 52.1.31, 2.05, 2.40, 3.15.

Teatoun, 3/4 31. Mince Pie, 1 mile, joined by Neddie and Green Skin, 1 mile, 36.1.14, 1.47, 2.33, 1 mile.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHIPHEUS"	On 4th March.
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" Feet—Chi Kerk 12

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" Head—Chi Tau 13

" Heart—Chi Sum 13

" Kidneys—Chi Yiu 24

" Liver—Chi Kon 24

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Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	"	12
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	"	14
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	"	11
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	"	8
Eels, Congor—Hoi Man Yu	"	15
" Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	"	14
" Yellow—Wong Sin	"	28
Frogs—Tien Kai	"	24
Grouper—Sek Pan	"	12
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	"	12
Herrings—Tao Pak	"	16
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu	"	16
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	"	15
Loach—Wu Yu	"	10
Lobsters—Lung Ha	"	20
Mackerel—Chi Yu	"	10
Monk Fish—Mon Yu	"	22
Mullet—Chai Yu	"	24
Oysters—Sang Hoo	"	16
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	"	16
Perch—Tau Loo	"	15
Pike—Fa Paw Poong	"	10
Plaice—Pan Yu	"	16
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	"	20
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	"	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	"	48
Ray—Pei Pa	"	18
Rock Fish—Sek Kung	"	18
Roach—Chun Yu	"	18
Salmon, (Cion), fresh water—Ma Yau	"	11
Shark—Sa Yu	"	9
Skate—Po Yu	"	24
Shrimps—Ha	"	24
Snapper—Lap Yu	"	20
Soles—Tai Sa Yu	"	18
Tench—Wan Yu	"	14
Turbot—Cho How Yu	"	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keok Yu	"	60
White Bait—Ngan Yu Chai	"	—

FRUITS.

Shipping.

Arrivals.
Sachsen, Ger. s.s., 3,119, Pesch, 1st Feb.—Yokohama 23rd Jan., Mails and Gen.—M. & Co.
Sungkiang, Br. s.s., 1,021, Robinson, 1st Feb.—Manila 29th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,611, Almond, 1st Feb.—Manila 30th Jan., Hemp—S. T. & Co.
Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Koch, 1st Feb.—Bangkok via Swatow 18th Jan., Rice and Teakwood—B. & S.
Hansung, Br. s.s., 1,356, Wilde, 2nd Feb.—Canton 1st Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Meclo, Ch. s.s., 1,321, Whitlow, 2nd Feb.—Canton 1st Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Clearances at the Harbour Office.

San Cheong, for Canton.
Taicheng, for Swatow.
Manchuria, for Dally.
Kwangchow, for Canton.
Wo Kwat, for Wuchow.
Hot Ho, for Canton.
Glenloch, for Singapore.
Kowloon, for Shanghai.
Kowloon, for Chinkiang.
Loongang, for Manila.
Wingshi, for Macao.
Empire, for Kobe.

Departures.

Feb. 2.
Hailong, for Swatow.
Ichung, for Hailong.
Hanchung, for Yantai.
Siam, for Swatow.
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Passengers arrived.

Per *Rubi*, from Manila—Dr. and Mrs. W. J. White, Messrs. C. Sackermann, Mitchell, Wu Kwo Chi, Miss A. M. Frothingham, Messrs. B. K. Miller, D. Walstrom, M. Earnshaw, H. E. Lind, S. P. Jackson, Mrs. M. Onslow, and 260 Chinese.
Per *Sungkiang*, from Manila—Mrs. J. and Master B. Sweeney, Mrs. Ramos and child, Mrs. F. Baltazar, Miss Anne Kustea, Messrs. Nicola, F. Sakai, S. Uchida, J. M. Flores, F. Biemi, J. G. Rowley, C. Reim, S. Suncu, P. Go Teng Lo, Chung Iar You, 25 Chinese and 3 Japanese.
Per *Sachsen*, for Hongkong from Yokohama—Mrs. L. W. Bishop and Luckban and family, Messrs. M. Xavier and T. H. Abdullah.
From Kobe—Messrs. L. W. Vackel and H. Gibbons.
From Nagasaki—Miss L. Seidensticker.
From Shanghai—Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Seeburg, Lieut. R. S. Papham, Surg. Walter, R. W. Vice Consul, Lieut. Rev. Woodberry, Messrs. Harold Rose, E. Quelch, Tataka, Tabara, E. Rowe, Maurice, George Kiddle, Chaklaka, James E. Maurice and James Young, for Singapore from Yokohama—Messrs. T. Yasui, K. Kono, T. Nakajima, and Mr. T. Tanaka.
From Nagasaki—Mrs. F. Katada, Mrs. Rio Mine, Messrs. Okuni and Tome Mine.
From Shanghai—Mr. G. T. Davies, and Miss Ito.
For Penang from Shanghai—Messrs. M. Jaquet and A. Krevass.
For Colombo from Kobe—Mr. H. R. Raspe.
For Naples from Yokohama—Mrs. Watts, Messrs. R. Nagashima and O. Ishizaka.
From Nagasaki—Mr. M. Umberto.
For Genoa from Yokohama—Mr. Reid.
From Kobe—Messrs. P. Michelsen, Alf. Fiaschi, G. Saliciccianni and W. Loebach.
From Shanghai—Rev. Clayton and family, Prof. Dr. Conrad and family, Messrs. J. H. Lo and L. Siebold.
For Hamburg from Yokohama—Messrs. Chr. Druby and W. H. Dehls.
From Kobe—Mr. S. Rida.
From Nagasaki—Lieut. P. C. Hutton.
For London from Yokohama—Mrs. Brindley and family, Mrs. Whithall, Mrs. Blac's children (4), Rev. T. S. Budwick, Messrs. E. A. Gibson and R. Nakayama.
From Kobe—Messrs. S. G. Bromley, Robt. Graham, James Orkle and H. H. Tantom.
From Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Eckford, and Lieut. Warder.

Passengers departed.

Per *Shamut*, for Manila from Hongkong—Col. and Mrs. J. Kerr, Messrs. H. E. Keylock, B. J. Barlow and F. O'Brien, from Yokohama—Lieut. and Mrs. A. U. Potter, from Manila—Messrs. Nazro, Mrs. R. D. White, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Campbell and servant, Mrs. Upham, Mrs. McNeely, Mrs. J. Pyffe, Mrs. and Miss Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ishikawa and 2 servants, Misses Stone, Greenough, and Mr. A. Romo.
From Kobe—Mrs. Shellenberger, Mrs. Simms, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dickinson, Mrs. Pascoe and child, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson and child, Mr. and Mrs. Storm, Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Banninggardner, Misses Meyers, Harris, Dr. Herrog, Messrs. L. A. Roberts, H. B. Miller, S. Lopez, H. W. Brown, T. Muller, Peat, Gibson, Auerbach, Smith, Salinger, Cowan, Blair, Nichols, Thompson, Carter, Tarwater, Crabtree, Steinang, Borgstad, Wagenlander, Gragherly, Robun, Millis, Webster, F. Miller, W. Mizuhami, K. Kudo, and 141 Japanese.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Ellen Rickmers, " " Kowloon Dock.
Sungkiang, " " " "
Tsingtau, " " " "
Lin Tan, " " " "
Perla, " " " "
Tartar, " " " "
Lydia, " " " "
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe, " " " "
H.M.S. Glory, " " " "
Vigilant, " " " "
Triton, " " " "
Tyr, " " " "

Ships Expected.

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Siberia	Shanghai	P. M. Co.	Feb. 3
Suisang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 3
Glauco	Singapore	B. & S.	Feb. 3
Wuchan	Hailong	B. & S.	Feb. 3
Seydlitz	Singapore	M. & Co.	Feb. 4
Aki Ma	Shanghai	N. Y. K.	Feb. 4
Changsha	Hailong	B. & S.	Feb. 5
Borneo	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 5
Capri	Singapore	C. & Co.	Feb. 5
Indalasia	Singapore	D. & Co.	Feb. 7
Mogul	Singapore	D. & Co.	Feb. 7
Australien	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 8
Tjilatjap	Macassar	C. J. L.	Feb. 8
Tacoma	Victoria	N. P. Co.	Feb. 11
Coptic	San Francisco	O. & Co.	Feb. 12
Indrapura	Japan	P. & A. Co.	Feb. 12
Emp. of Japan	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Feb. 12
Namsang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 12

Ships Passed the Canal.

Outward—29th December—*Bengale, Monmouthshire, Chinkua, Konigberg, Ger.*, 2nd January—*Artista, 6th January—Andalusia, Glauco, Volge, Indramayo, 9th January—Borneo, Bamber, 13th January—Indradadi, Silecia, (Aus.) Fuime, Linan, Seydlitz, Salfordia, 16th January—Eidvald, Inaba, Maria, Australien, Menzell, 20th January—Sambou, 23rd January—Ertia, Glenlogan, Aganemnon, 27th January—Foshing, Ardentearg, Manila, Roon, 30th January—*Wakasa Maru* Homeward—13th January—*Kawachi Maru* 23rd January—*Prometheus, Indrani, 27th January—Aragonia, Biko Maru, Java, 30th January—Klauschen, Glenroy.*
Arrivals at Home—2nd January—*Saxonia, Tantalus, Freiburg, 6th January—Sydney, Sado Maru, 9th January—Brichell, Ningchow, Polyphemus, 13th January—Antenor, Kurdistani, Armand Behic, 16th January—Prinz Heinrich, 20th January—Glenziel, Seneca, Hyson, Surina, 23rd January—Konig, Albert, 27th January—*Formosa, 30th January—Achilles, Salazie, Marburg.***

Vessels in Port.

STRAMERS.
Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan.—Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber—M. & Co.
Charles Hardouin, Fr. s.s., 876, Laurage, 15th Jan.—Nantes 15th Nov., and Singapore—3rd Jan., Ballast—M. M.
Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,142, Tuckben, 16th Jan.—Canton 16th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Chinkua, Br. s.s., 1,348, Robertson, 30th Jan.—Newport via Singapore 23rd Jan., Coal—B. & S.
Chowfa, Ger. s.s., 1,055, Kähler, 28th Jan.—Bangkok 19th Jan., Rice, Wood and Gen.—B. & S.
Chowlin, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Textor, 30th Jan.—Bangkok via Hailong 21st Jan., Rice—B. & S.
Claverburn, Br. s.s., 1,358, Parker, R.N.R., 27th Dec.—New York 27th Oct., Coal Oil—S. O. Co.
Devawongse, Ger. s.s., 1,057, Kumpel, 31st Jan.—Bangkok 23rd Jan., Rice—B. & S.
Eduard Buy, Rus. s.s., 1,938, Levantins, 31st Jan.—Odessa 27th Nov., and Singapore—18th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Emma Luyken, Ger. s.s., 1,110, Matens, 1st Feb.—Moj 27th Jan., Coal—E. A. T. Co.
Empire, Br. s.s., 4,500, Helms, 24th Jan.—Australia 3rd Jan., and Manila 21st Jan.—G. L. & Co.
Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,003, Marshall, 19th Jan.—Vancouver 28th Dec., and Shanghai 17th Jan., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Fritiof, Nor. s.s., 801, Haraldsen, 30th Jan.—Kutchinotau 24th Jan., Coal—S. W. & Co.
Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 750, Suzon, 31st Jan.—Haiphong and Hailong 30th Jan., Gen.—A. R. M.
Kennecott, Br. s.s., 1,425, Wallace, 29th Jan.—New York 26th Dec., and Singapore 18th Jan., Kerosene—S. O. Co.
Kumisin, Br. s.s., 2,077, Buller, 28th Jan.—Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 19th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Liscum, Am. transport, 1,072, Healey, 16th Jan.—Manila 13th Jan., Ballast—U. S. Govt.
Lydia, Ger. s.s., 1,772, Girstenbran, 1st Feb.—Canton 31st Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.
Maristow, Br. s.s., 2,269, Front, 28th Jan.—Moj 22nd Jan., Coal—B. & Co.
Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, Davies, 29th Jan.—Nagasaki 24th Jan., Coal—J. M. & Co.
Pak Lat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, Baudelin, 28th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., and Ang Hin 19th, Rice and Wood—B. & S.
Petarch, Ger. s.s., 1,252, Ahrens, 26th Jan.—Moj 19th Jan., Coal—S. W. & Co.
Phra Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,011, Reimers, 29th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., and Ang Hin 21st, Rice and Wood—B. & S.
Phra Chom Klao, Ger. s.s., 1,012, Bohn, 29th Jan.—Bangkok 22nd Jan., Rice and Gen.—M. & Co.
Pissanulok, Ger. s.s., 1,268, Fuchs, 24th Jan.—Bangkok 15th Jan., Rice and Wood—B. & S.
Quanta, Ger. s.s., 1,146, Johannsen, 29th Dec.—Mauritius 4th Dec., Sugar—S. W. & Co.
Riverdale, Br. s.s., 2,752, Hay, 23rd Jan.—New Zealand 18th Jan., and Australia 22nd, Coal—Admiralty.
Rosetta Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,403, Smith, 28th Jan.—Manila 26th Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.
Sullberg, Ger. s.s., 782, Meyer, 28th Jan.—Dally 21st Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.
Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,425, Evans, 16th Dec.—Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,380, Williamson, 27th Jan.—Saigon 20th Jan., Gen.—Nam Wo & Co.
Thea, Ger. s.s., 934, Ohlerich, 29th Jan.—Saigon 23rd Jan., Rice—Yuen Woo & Co.
Würzburg, Ger. s.s., 5,085, Binzer, 30th Jan.—Shanghai 27th Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Sachsen* from Yokohama—Fine weather, N.E. monsoon.
Str. *Rubi* from Manila—Strong monsoon, and high sea throughout.
Str. *Trintau* from Bangkok—Very rough weather, strong N.E. winds and high sea.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for—
Canton—Per *Honam*, 3rd Feb., 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok—Per *Pissanulok*, 3rd Feb., 8 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Chowfa*, 3rd Feb., 8 A.M.
Quangchow-wan, Hailong, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per *Hongkong*, 3rd Feb., 9 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tientsin—Per *Sachsen*, 3rd Feb., 11 A.M.
Bangkok—Per *Paklat*, 3rd Feb., NOON
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Kum-jang*, 3rd Feb., 1 P.M.
Macao—Per *Hongsham*, 3rd Feb., 1.15 P.M.
Kobe—Per *Sullberg*, 3rd Feb., 2 P.M.
Manila—Per *Chihli*, 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
Hailong—Per *Wuchang*, 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
Canton—Per *Kinshan*, 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
Canton—Per *Powin*, 4th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—Per *Triumph*, 4th Feb., 9 A.M.
Canton—Per *Fulshan*, 4th Feb., 5 P.M.
Canton—Per *Hankow*, 5th Feb., 5 P.M.
Canton—Per *Kinshan*, 6th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
Canton—Per *Fulshan*, 6th Feb., 7.30 A.M.
Manila—Per *Rubi*, 6th Feb., 9 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Nyungse*, 6th Feb., 3 P.M.
Canton—Per *Honam*, 7th Feb., 9 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tientsin—Per *Ernest Simon*, 9th Feb., 11 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Changsha*, 9th Feb., 3 P.M.
Yokohama, Kobe and Tsintau—Per *Andalusia*, 10th Feb., 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of India*, 10th Feb., 11 A.M.

Books containing stamps of the following denominations may be obtained at the counter of General Post Office for \$1.00 each.
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THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory.
On the 2nd at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has fallen over China, risen over Japan and the Philippines.
The high pressure area has continued to move Eastwards and lies now over S. Japan. Pressure is probably still in defect over the S. part of the China Sea.
Gradients slight to moderate with moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel and strong monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.
Forecast—fresh N.E. to E. winds; fair.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Feb. 2nd, 1904, a.m.	Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wt.
Vladivostok 7 a.m.	—	—
Nemuro 6 a.m.	30.70	W 2
Hakodate 6 a.m.	30.25	W 6
Tokio 6 a.m.	30.41	NW 2
Kochi 6 a.m.	30.35	NE 0
Nagasaki 6 a.m.	30.39	—
Kagoshima 6 a.m.	30.39	E 4
Oshima 6 a.m.	30.32	S 2
Naha 6 a.m.	30.29	NE 2
Ishigakijima 6 a.m.	30.25	NE 2
Taihouku 6 a.m.	30.18	E 6
Taichu 6 a.m.	30.16	—
Tainan 6 a.m.	30.15	N 2
Koshu 6 a.m.	30.16	NE 8
Pescadore 6 a.m.	30.16	NE 8
Welhaiwei 9 a.m.	30.35 37	NW 2
Gutzhaff 6 a.m.	30.37 47	ENE 2
Sharp Peak 6 a.m.	31.29 56	NNW 2
Amoy 6.30 a.m.	30.29 57	NNW 2
Swatow 9 a.m.	—	—
Canton 10 a.m.	30.26 61	E 3
Hongkong 10 a.m.	30.26 61	E 3
Victoria Peak 10 a.m.	—	ENE 3
Gap Rock 10 a.m.	30.22	NE 6
Macao 10 a.m.	30.24 62	NE 3
Haiphong 9 a.m.	30.00 77	NN 0
Manila 9 a.m.	30.00 77	NN 0
Bacolod 9 a.m.	29.93 78	NN 0
Iloilo 9 a.m.	29.93 78	NN 0
Cebu 9 a.m.	29.99 79	—
C. St. James 10 a.m.	—	—

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Fisher, H. B.
Glover, C.
Grant, A. W.
George, F.
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Hayton, J. T.
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Jackman, H. T.
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Bologovsky, Mr. and Mrs. C. de, maid and child.
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Gibbs, J. S.
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Koralewski, Lieut.
Lightfoot, S.
Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. and child.
Speakes, Major.

THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	{ Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half year ending 30.6.1903	\$645
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	{ 3/6 = \$1 for 1903	\$33 ex div. b.
Do. Founders	£ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	32 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902	\$490 s.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 % = \$4 for year ended 30.4.1903	\$56
North China In. Co., Ltd.	£ 5	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902	Tls. 69
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$135
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	30 % = \$15 per share for 1902	\$175
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	32 1/2 per share for 1901	\$300 b.
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$92 b.
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$31 1/2 sa.
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	£ 10	3 % = 10/- per share for 1902	\$74
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 % = \$5 per share for 1900	\$21 sa.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of £3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$31
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30.6.1903	\$30
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 1	60 cts. } 30.4.03	\$19
Taku Tag & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 1/- for 1903	£1 ex div. b.
Shanghai Tag & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 2 % for 1903	Tls. 36 s.
Do. Preference	Tls. 50	Interim of 4 % = Tls. 2.00	Tls. 49 sa.
Do.	Tls. 50	Interim of 3 1/4 % = Tls. 1.75	Tls. 45 sa.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903	\$106
Perak Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10 s.
Luzon Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	5 % = Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.03	Tls. 50 sa.
MINING.			
Panjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 s.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903	\$600 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 10.18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$6 b.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03	Tls. 5 1/2 sa.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	12 % = \$6 for 1/2 year 30.6.03	\$209 b.
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1/2 year ending 31.10.1903	Tls. 125 b.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$95 b.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$37 1/2 s.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 200 b.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 % = 40 cents per share for 1903	\$9
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1903	\$150 ex div.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.60 per share for 1903	\$35 b.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903	\$55 ex div.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for first 1/2 year 1903	\$147
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	2 1/2 % for year ending 30.6.03	\$29 sa.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 13 1/2 b.
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$17 1/2
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1903	Tls. 170 b.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	{ Final of 60 cts. making \$1 for } 1902/1903	\$15 1/2 s.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	8 % for period ended 31.10.1903	Tls. 32 s.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 75	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 25 b.
Lacou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898	Tls. 35
Any Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.1897	Tls. 170
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	£ 500	2 1/2 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$200
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	First year	\$10 b.
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 52 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$25 b.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$8 1/2
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1903	\$14 1/2 s.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$7 1/2 b.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	41 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$145 b.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$50
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$240
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$30 for year ending 31.11.1903	\$300
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$12 1/2 b.
Campbell, Monte & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 12.6		\$5 s.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	90 cents of 3 % for year ending 31.5.03	\$9 1/2 b.
Do. Founders	\$ 10	\$29.70	\$210 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6 % making 12 % for year	\$15 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$5 b.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9 1/2 sa. & b.
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	Guilders 100	{ 5th interim dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid } 15.12.1903 making so far Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03	Tls. 295 s.
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	First year	\$50
South China Morning Post, Ltd.	\$ 25	First year	\$25
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